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NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR RELIABLE ELECTRIC OPERATIONS

Charles Mottinger, Chairman of the North Attleborough Electric Department (NAED), announced today that the North Attleborough Electric Department has again received national recognition from the American Public Power Association (APPA). NAED previously received the award in 2008. The RP3 designation is granted for a two year period.

The North Attleborough Electric Department is one of 94 of the nation's more than 2,000 public power utilities in 2010 to earn Reliable Public Power Provider™ (RP3) recognition from the American Public Power Association for providing consumers with the highest degree of reliable and safe electric service. The RP3 award recognizes public power utilities that demonstrate proficiency in four key disciplines: reliability, safety, training and system improvement. Criteria within each category are based on sound business practices and represent a utility-wide commitment to safe and reliable delivery of electricity.

This is the fifth year that the RP3 award has been offered. APPA is the national organization representing more than 2,000 not-for-profits, community- and state- owned electric utilities. It is located in Washington, D.C.

Paul Allen, vice president, engineering at Nashville, Tenn., Electric Service and chair of APPA's RP₃ Review Panel, presented the designees on March 29, during the association's annual Engineering & Operations Technical Conference, held in Omaha, Nebraska. At the time of the presentation Mr. Allen noted, "The RP₃ designation represents a high level of service to communities all over the country. These 94 utilities stand out as models of safe and reliable utility operations."

Mr. Mottinger said, "The Board of Light Commissioners believes that national recognition afforded to NAED is a tremendous tribute for our local electric department, and a well deserved recognition of NAEDs' employees and managers. We are very pleased that NAED's efforts have been recognized by NAED's "public power" peers. The RP₃ program and criteria has provided a "path" for our organization to improve its financial practices, employee training and safety, infrastructure reliability, utilization of technology and long term planning."

Mr. Mottinger said, "To realize that NAED has now won the RP₃ award twice in two years is very exciting for all of us. We're thrilled to be selected to again join the ranks of RP₃ designees around the country. The Board of Electric Commissioners was pleased two years ago when NAED received the RP₃ designation. For NAED to again win the award reinforces our collective viewpoint that the NAED organizations is dedicated to working responsibly and successfully, to better serve our ratepayers and the NAED community. APPA's recognition is testament to the quality works our managers and employees do everyday - and is a great tribute to our community and this utility department. I believe that we have truly created a strong organizational partnership here at NAED among its public officials, managers and employees. I know that all of the commissioners are confident that with continued hard work and a commitment to serving the public the future is very bright for the North Attleborough Electric Department."

Mr. Mottinger expressed his appreciation for the efforts of Project Manager Geoff Morton who was responsible for preparing the application on behalf of the North Attleborough Electric Department.